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SUBJECT: GERMAN POLITICIANS COMMENT ON SECRETARY'S
BERLIN SPEECH

SUMMARY: THE REACTIONS ON THE PART OF WEST GERMAN
POLITICAL LEADERS TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN BERLIN
HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY POSITIVE. END SUMMARY

1. SPD CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT ISSUED A STATEMENT ON
BEHALF OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHICH SAID THAT
KISSINGER'S BERLIN SPEECH WAS AN APPEAL TO THE GERMANS
NOT TO BE DEFLECTED FROM A POLICY OF REALISM AND THE
SECURING OF PEACE. BRANDT SAID THAT WITHOUT THE UN-
BROKEN COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE PROGRESS
MADE OVER BERLIN SINCE THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT WOULD
NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE BUNDESTAG SHOULD, THE FORMER
CHANCELLOR SAID, BE GRATEFUL FOR THE DETERMINATION EX-
PRESSED BY KISSINGER THAT THE US, DESPITE VARIOUS SET-
BACKS, WILL CONTINUE UNDAUNTED ALONG THE LABORIOUS
PATH OF REDUCING TENSION WHEREVER POSSIBLE AND REPLAC-
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ING CONFRONTATION BY COOPERATION.

2. THE FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN FOR THE CDU/CSU, WERNER MARX, DESCRIBED THE KISSINGER BERLIN SPEECH AS THE CLEAREST AND MOST DISTINCT EXPOSITION HEARD IN MANY YEARS ABOUT THE CITY'S FREEDOM AND ITS MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC WESTERN WORLD. KISSINGER, MARX SAID, HAD GIVEN COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE NOT ONLY TO THE OFTEN HARD PRESSED POPULATION OF WEST BERLIN BUT TO ALL FREE GERMANS, ESPECIALLY WITH THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING BERLIN REMAINED THE TOUCHSTONE OF DETENTE IN EUROPE.

3. SPD FLOOR LEADER HERBERT WEHNER WROTE IN THE WEDNESDAY EDITION OF THE "HAMBURGER ANZEIGER UND NACHRICHTEN" THAT THE UNITED STATES, WITH KISSINGER'S VISIT, SET A MARKER FOR ALL PEOPLE IN DIVIDED GERMANY TO SEE. "AT A SENSITIVE FRONTIER BETWEEN WEST AND EAST THE SUPERPOWER AMERICA MANIFESTS ITS PRESENCE." WEHNER EMPHASIZED THAT NEITHER THE TWO STATES IN DIVIDED GERMANY NOR THE PEOPLE IN DIVIDED BERLIN OUGHT TO LONG FOR A RELAPSE INTO THE HABITS OF THE COLD WAR. INSTEAD, ALL SIDES, BY THEIR BEHAVIOR, SHOULD AGAIN AND AGAIN RENDER CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.
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